

Norris Electric

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News

Petitions for board of directors available

The term of four directors will expire with the February 2019 annual meeting. The board seats up for election with one board member to be elected from each county are: Crawford, Cumberland, Jasper and Clark.

All incumbents intend to seek re-election. They are: Kurt Holscher, Crawford County; Ted Helmink, Cumberland County; Dave Sheppard,

Jasper County and Justin Parcel, Clark County. Any other members that reside and take service in any of the counties above may also submit a petition and be placed on the ballot.

According to the cooperative bylaws, all candidates must submit a petition signed by at least 25 members to be placed on the ballot. Requests for petitions will be available Nov. 1, 2018

and may be obtained by contacting the cooperative office. **Petitions must be returned to the cooperative office by noon on Dec. 11, 2018.**

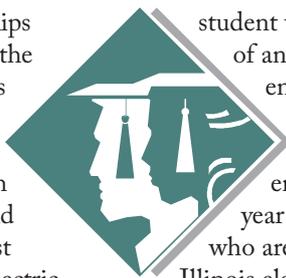
Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballots. Ballots will be mailed 30 to 45 days prior to our annual meeting. The results will then be announced at our annual meeting to be held Feb. 9, 2019.

Twelve 2019 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

Manager Tamara Phillips has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives in 2019 will award 11 academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family. In addition, a 12th scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will also be offered.

The total of 12 scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2019 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Six scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A seventh scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a



student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. Four additional scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

The 12th scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” is a \$2,000 scholarship that will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees or directors; is enrolled in the Lincoln Land Lineworker’s school; or individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible to apply for the

lineworker’s scholarship.

“We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says Phillips. “Norris Electric and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one. In addition, we are pleased to offer the electric lineworker’s scholarship. It will benefit not only electric cooperative youth but also those fine men and women who have served their country through their military service and may now be wanting to become a trained lineworker.”

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Norris Electric. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is also available for completion on our website at www.norriselectric.com.

Hurricane Florence

When Hurricane Florence hit the east coast in September, Illinois co-ops headed to North Carolina to assist in storm recovery. Before the hurricane made landfall, a crew of eight Norris Electric linemen were dispatched

to assist our sister co-op South River EMC in Dunn, N.C. Florence had wreaked havoc on the area and caused 40,000 South River members to be without power. With the unity of co-ops, nearly all South River members

were restored within three days.

Co-op Principle #6: "Cooperation Among Cooperatives." Florence challenged the strength of the cooperative values, but co-ops are resilient, and we stand together. We are Co-op Strong!



Pictured: Ian Moore, Joe Sowers, Matt Mitchell, Matt Roedl, Ralph Bowersock, Jr., Connor Walters, Kent Benefiel and Travis Sipe

Budget billing

Budget billing is an option Norris Electric offers which happens to be very useful. Budget billing can help you manage your energy costs by allowing you to allocate the same amount each month. Monthly utility bills can vary significantly throughout the year due to variations in your usage through heating and cooling seasons. With Norris Electric's budget billing plan, you eliminate the month-to-month fluctuations caused by changing weather and usage patterns.

If a change results from the recalculation, a message will be

printed on your May and November bill indicating this new amount. If you do not see a message on your bill, your budget amount has remained the same. Your new budget bill amount will be on your June and December bill.

Members are able to sign up for budget billing under the "My Account" tab and then "Services" tab on our website at www.norriselectric.com.

If you have any questions regarding budget billing contact the Norris Electric billing department at 877-783-8765 or email billing@norriselectric.com.

FALL BACK!!!

Change your clocks
November 4th.



Norris Electric linemen compete in Lineman's Safety Rodeo

Linemen from Norris Electric Cooperative participated in the 21st annual Lineman's Safety Rodeo sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives on Sept. 28. This year, 13 teams from 11 electric co-ops participated in the friendly competition. The rodeo highlights the skills linemen use to work safely and efficiently.

Erik Steffen, Ralph Bowersock, Jr. and Blake Kuhl represented Norris Electric at the rodeo, held on the Chuck West Lineman Training Grounds at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. They competed against teams of linemen from across Illinois in events using skills that focus on agility, speed and accuracy. While these skills are part of the judging criteria, above all, the linemen are judged on safe work practices.

Line personnel competed in five team events and three individual events. Team and individual events included hurt man rescue, egg climb and an H-structure obstacle course. Additionally, teams competed in a neutral down event and a bucket truck obstacle course.



All Norris Electric linemen placed in the individual competition. Bowersock received first runner up in the best overall individual lineman competition and third place in the hurt man rescue event. Steffen received second runner up in the best overall individual lineman competition and third place in the H-structure obstacle course. Kuhl received second runner up in the best overall individual apprentice lineman

competition and second place in the hurt man rescue event.

Scores for each event are based on completion time, proper execution of the task and safety. Deductions were made to a team or individual's overall performance score due to mistakes such as slipping when climbing poles, dropping tools or executing inappropriate procedures or methods.

Congratulations to our linemen on their team and individual efforts.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Got holiday leftovers? When possible, use the microwave to reheat food. Microwaves use as much as 80 percent less energy than a standard oven.

Source: energy.gov



Norris Electric will be closed Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving Day.



Attention high school seniors

Norris Electric Cooperative will award three \$1,000 scholarships to the sons or daughter of Norris Electric members who are currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.

Requirements for application:

1. Must be a high school senior
2. Must begin college within a year of notification
3. Must be a full time (12 hours) student
4. Grade point average
5. College entrance test scores
6. Work & volunteer experience
7. School & community activities
8. Knowledge of electric cooperatives
9. Biographical essay

Scholarship awarded based on:

Deadline for application submission is Feb. 1, 2019

For more information, call Norris Electric at 877-783-8765 or contact your high school guidance department. All necessary paperwork is available for download at www.norriselectric.com.

My Story by Bonita Balding, Noble, Ill.

Growing up in the country south of Noble, Illinois, I remember reading and playing by a kerosene lamp!

When we were on our way home from town one summer day when I was 8 years old, we stopped at a small country grocery store. When we went inside, the ceiling light bulb was ON!! How exciting! When we got home, we turned on our own lights – now we could really see at night! What a difference! It was still awhile before we had running water in the house, but the electricity was a wonderful start!

Our house was the last one on the south end of the line, and when I got married in 1960, our house was on the north end of the same line.

You have provided electricity for me all my life, and I appreciated you so much!

Thank you!
Bonita Balding

